

PORTSMOUTH.

PORTSMOUTH BREVITIES

Pointed Records in Straightforward Paragraphs.

THE TWIN CITY LAID UP

The Second Alarm of Fire. Funeral of Mrs. Reagan. No Street Cars Running. Masonic Boom. St. Valentine Disregarded.

The street cars were not running yesterday.

The street cars commenced running about 5 o'clock yesterday.

Ash Wednesday will be on the 27th instant. This is the beginning of Lent.

The Masons are having quite a boom. Each week new members are added.

Tobe Wiggins was sent to jail for sixty days yesterday for fighting in the county.

Charles Scott was sentenced to jail for three months yesterday by Judge Watts for stealing.

But few valentines were sent by the children yesterday. The day seems to be dying out.

Portsmouth will be well represented at the Pythian demonstration in Staunton next week.

Messrs. Eastwood & Sykes have just completed a map of the Fifth Ward for the use of the assessors.

The following notice appeared on a store door in this city yesterday: "Close on count of 1 died will open on Friday."

Justice Rutter yesterday fined a man named Rosenbaum \$50 and cost for selling liquor on Sunday in Sweet Canaan.

A tramp ship at Pinner's Point was reported on fire last night, but owing to the fire in our city no news could be learned.

The funeral of Mrs. Anne Catharine J. Reagan will take place from St. Paul's Catholic Church this morning at 10 o'clock.

"Colonial Tea" at Trinity parish house Friday, February 15th, from 8 to 11 o'clock. Music and recitations during the evening.

Mr. T. H. Virnelson was last night elected by 24 Lodge K. of P. a representative to the grand lodge which meets in Staunton on the 18th instant.

Mr. Thomas Neville fell in a fit on High street last night and came near injuring himself. He was carried into Hotel Portsmouth until he recovered.

The demand for a fire alarm system grows stronger each day. The second alarm Wednesday was struck for the seventh district. The fire was in the sixth.

A ferry boat named Idaho, about the size of the City of Portsmouth, was towed in this harbor yesterday by the tug Ocean King. She is en route to Florida.

One drunk and one assault constituted the docket in the Mayor's Court yesterday. The drunk was committed in default of a fine, the assault was dismissed.

Sheriff Cromwell, of the county, and two guards, left yesterday afternoon for Richmond with six prisoners who were convicted at the last term of the County Court.

Edward Schafer was arrested yesterday upon a warrant sworn out by Fannie Bernhart, colored, charging him with stealing a ring from her. The case will be heard to day.

The second alarm of fire Wednesday night was caused by the fire on Green street breaking out again. The engine did not go out, but the fire plug was brought into use.

The Norfolk County Court will convene on Monday. The Judge has summoned a jury to push up that portion of the criminal docket which was carried over from last month.

Edward Butler, colored, was arrested yesterday upon complaint of his wife, who charged him with attempting to kill her with a hatchet. He will have a hearing this morning.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew met last night at Trinity Church. Right Rev. Bishop John B. Newton and Right Rev. A. M. Randolph made short talks. The attendance was large.

The case of Ed. Shields, charged with shooting a man in the mouth, was called in the Hastings Court yesterday and was continued until to day, on account of the absence of witnesses.

Yesterday morning some of the machinery of the Twin City became disabled, which caused her to have to lay up for a short while. It was thought that her shaft was either broken or bent, but it was neither.

Gregory, the banjo player, will give an entertainment to-night at West Hall, Scottsville, for the benefit of the Ladies' Aid Society. These people are doing much good in helping the poor and should be encouraged.

The phonograph concert, which was to have taken place under the auspices of the Little Reapers for benefit of Fourth Street Baptist Sunday School to night, has been postponed on account of the weather. The date will be announced hereafter.

The seventh in the series of practical talks being given under the auspices of the Young Men's Christian Association will be delivered to-night at 8:15 o'clock. Subject: "Character Building." By special request the name of the speaker is withheld.

Go to Hammett's for Bargains.

Fire Districts.

At the request of a number of our subscribers we give below the number of fire districts in the city, not including the Fifth Ward, and the exact location of them:

First District—All north of High and east of Court streets.

Second—All south of High and west of Court streets.

Third—All west of Court, between High and County streets.

Fourth—All east of Court, between High and County streets.

Fifth—All east of Court and south of County streets.

Sixth—All west of Court and south of County streets.

Seventh—All Newtown west of Third street.

Eighth—Gosport east of Third street.

Assistant Naval Constructors.

By Southern Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, February 14.—The President to-day sent to the Senate the following nominations: To be naval constructors—W. L. Capps, of Virginia; John G. Tawressey, of Delaware; Frank W. Hibbs, of Minnesota; R. P. Hobson, of Alabama; Thomas F. Ruhm, of Tennessee; Frank Seahm, of Pennsylvania; Henry G. Smith, of Ohio; John Buert, of Michigan; Lloyd Bankson, of Pennsylvania; Robert Stocker, of Minnesota; Elliot Snow, of Utah; G. H. Rock, of Michigan; Lawrence Spear, of Ohio; H. G. Gillmor, of Wisconsin; Richard M. Watt, of Pennsylvania; Joseph E. McDonald, of Illinois; and James L. Ferguson, of North Carolina.

Funerals yesterday.

The funeral of Mr. A. H. F. Mo Wilkie took place yesterday morning at 11 o'clock from Trinity P. E. Church. The services were conducted by Rev. Mr. Funston, after which the remains were interred in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah E. Neville took place from the residence of her husband, No. 713 Dinwiddie street, yesterday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. T. McN. Simpson. At the conclusion the remains were taken to Oak Grove Cemetery for interment.

Marriage on County Street.

Yesterday afternoon a very pretty marriage took place at the residence of Mrs. Jones on County street, near Dinwiddie street. The contracting parties were Mr. Joseph A. Lawrence, of Suffolk, and Miss Lena C. Jones, late teacher in the Second District Public School. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. McN. Simpson, who soon made them man and wife. After receiving the congratulations of those present they took the 4 o'clock train for Suffolk, their future home.

Election of Officers.

At a meeting of Portsmouth Division U. R. K. of P., held Wednesday night, the following officers were elected: B. F. Vaughn, captain; C. P. Brownly, lieutenant; R. H. McClean, herald; W. N. White, treasurer; Geo. G. Cummings, guard; John R. Jenkins, sentinel; E. V. Powell, color bearer; Domingo Lawrence, bugler. The officers were inducted to attend the regimental meeting in Staunton on the 18th instant.

What Prof. Hicks Says is to Come.

Below we give a statement of the prophecies of Prof. Hicks, the weather prophet, in whom our people have great confidence. He says he is on the lookout for very cold weather on the 17th and 18th, and don't forget it. Many very hard storms may be expected from the 22d to the 26th.

Fire in the Navy-Yard.

Yesterday morning a fire was discovered at the residence of Civil Engineer Mendicot in the navy yard. An alarm was sounded and the entire department turned out, but their services were not needed, the fire being put out with buckets. The fire originated from a defective flue. Damages light.

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FLAMES KEPT IN BUILDING

The Losses Fall on W. N. White, Sporting Goods; The Western Union Telegraph Office; W. A. Fiske, Printer; J. E. Owins, Cigars.

Last night about 6:30 o'clock an alarm of fire was sounded, caused by fire being discovered in the printing house of W. A. Fiske on High street, near Water. Owing to the amount of inflammable material it spread very rapidly. There being but one engine in the city it was with much difficulty that they could put the fire out, the building being about 150 feet deep and running back to a narrow lane. The rear of the building was a two-story modern one and in this the presses and machinery were located. Two streams from the engine and two from the plugs were put on the fire. The firemen succeeded in keeping the flames in the building.

Mr. John E. Owins' cigar factory, next door, was full of smoke. A stream was put on it as best they could, but owing to not having necessary ladders it was with difficulty that it could be reached.

The persons effected by the fire are W. N. White, gunsmith and sporting-house, stock \$5,000, partly saved, but damaged by water; Western Union telegraph office, damaged by water; W. A. Fiske, printing-house, entirely destroyed, stock, etc., valued at \$10,000, insured for \$5,000; John E. Owins, cigar factory, heavy stock, but owing to sickness of Mr. Owins his loss or insurance could not be learned. The building belongs to the Cooke estate in Norfolk, valued at \$10,000, badly burned; the inside burned out.

In conversation with Capt. Fiske he said he thought that the fire was an incendiary one, the hands having knocked off at 6 o'clock, and there was no one in the building that he knew of except himself and a colored boy, who has been employed by him for years. He left and went down in the yard after coal and left him in the office.

When the boy returned he saw the fire and told Mr. Fiske the building was on fire. The fire originated directly under the cutting machine in a box of fine scraps that came off the edges of paper, and he thought some one threw a match in that box, as there was no fire or lights anywhere near the place. He had had no fire in his boiler since 3 o'clock, and there was no way by which it could have caught.

The colored boy William made every effort to put the fire out before the alarm was given, and in doing so he was badly burned about the face and came near not getting out. He was also out on the hand in coming down a gutter to make his escape.

This is the largest fire that has been in this city for years.

At 10 o'clock, when our report closed, the fire was out. Our firemen deserve much credit for the excellent work done in keeping the other buildings from burning, especially that which is occupied by Mr. Owins as a cigar factory, after it caught on fire.

THE TORPEDO BOATS.

American Shipbuilders Gathering in Washington.

By Southern Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, February 14.—American shipbuilders are gathering in Washington attracted by the opening of bids for the three sea going torpedo boats, which occurs next Tuesday. It is understood that the competition will be very sharp and that at least one of the great firms that has built warships will submit propositions of a startling character.

The Union Iron Works, which built the cruisers Charleston, San Francisco and Olympia, have expressed their intention of guaranteeing a vessel on modified plans with a speed of twenty-six knots, and Eastern constructors of note evince a determination of discounting this high figure. Over forty firms have been figuring on the Department's specifications for several months and a determination has been expressed by some of them to take the work below cost on account of the present business depression, for the purpose of keeping their men employed and for the fame that will attach to the builders of the successful boats.

Navy News.

By Southern Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, February 14.—Officials of the navy relieved this morning by the receipt of a cablegram from Capt. Kingsley of the training ship Essex, announcing his safe arrival at Barbadoes. The Essex left Newport on January 17, for her annual winter cruise in the West Indies, and was scheduled to make her first stop at Barbadoes, February 16, cruising under sailing the meantime between Bermuda and the American coast. The severe storms however, have excited considerable uneasiness as to her safety and her arrival in port ahead of time is taken as an indication that she met some bad weather.

Admiral Meade's fleet left Martinique, West Indies, this morning for St. Lucia.

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SUFFOLK NEWS.

IN OLD NANSEMOND.

Notes and Gleanings From Suffolk and Surroundings.

Messrs. B. G. Butler and W. T. Lipscomb, on a hunting expedition in the county yesterday, succeeded in bagging seventy-four birds, making less than eighty shots.

Mr. Joseph Lawrence, formerly of Suffolk, passed through yesterday with his bride on the cannon ball train.

Mayor Brewer has written that he will not return before the last of this week. He is stopping with relatives in Isle of Wight county.

The ice on the Nansemond is breaking up very slowly and navigation will be suspended several days longer.

Miss Bertie Ridley, of Southampton county, is being entertained by the Misses Quimby, of Nansemond Seminary.

Several persons from this section will attend the Newbern (N. C.) Fair, which takes place from the 15th to the 23d instant, inclusive.

Withers Division, No. 7, Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias, met last night for the election of officers.

W. H. Arrington, colored, has been appointed by Hon. Hoke Smith, Secretary of the Interior, as a pension attorney.

Mr. W. L. McLeod, associate editor of the Suffolk Herald, is confined to his residence by sickness.

Mr. R. W. Courtney, district passenger agent of the Norfolk and Western, was in Suffolk for a short while yesterday.

Miss Allie McGuire has returned from a visit to Newport News, accompanied by her friend, Miss Mamie Brown.

Judge Prentiss returned from Norfolk, where he held a session of City Circuit Court.

NEW MUSICAL COMPOSITION.—Prof. Jesse D. Daughtrey, a composer of band music, has just completed a medley called "Southern Star March." It is a combination of "Bonnie Blue Flag," "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia" and "Git Out of Da Wilderness."

WOOD DONATED.—The Norfolk and Carolina Railroad Company, at the solicitation of the roadmaster, Mr. J. H. Nurney, has donated a car load of wood to the poor of Suffolk. The ministers of the town have organized a relief committee to solicit the free delivery of the wood where most needed.

PUBLIC ROADS LET BY CONTRACT.—The joint meeting of the County Supervisors and the Board of Road Commissioners convened yesterday about 11:30 o'clock in the County Court house for the purpose of opening the sealed bids of contractors for the performance under bond certain work on the public highways. The four magisterial districts are each divided into sections of an average length of ten to twelve miles, the lengths varying in the several localities. Present: S. T. Ellis, chairman of joint meeting; Walter Jordan, I. W. Everett and E. D. Brinkley, Supervisors; Frank Wright, L. P. Brinkley, J. K. P. Daughtrey and Frank E. Stallings, Road Commissioners.

The system of keeping in condition the public roads by contract in this county being a new one, there was often a great diversity in price for the performance of the same work. Many of the bids, appearing

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ANNUAL MEETING.—THE ANNUAL

meeting of the HOME PERMANENT BUILDING ASSOCIATION will be held at No. 209 High street, TUESDAY EVENING, February 19th, 1895, at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to be present.

JNO. L. WATSON, Secretary.

exorbitant to the board, were rejected, while other sections were not covered at all. After a tedious and laborious session contracts were awarded as follows:

Sleepy Hole District—Sections 1 and 2 were awarded to Reginald Wright for \$275 and \$225, respectively. No bids were received for sections 3, 4 and 5.

Cypress District—Section No. 2, W. T. Harrell, \$197.50; No. 3, Napoleon Brothers, \$145; No. 4, J. T. Harrell, \$197.50; No. 7, F. F. Brinkley, \$150; No. 9, Boland White, \$145. Bids for Nos. 5, 6, 10 and 12 were deemed exorbitant and rejected. There were no bids received for Nos. 1, 8 and 11.

Holy Neck District—Sections 2 and 3 were awarded to T. G. Daughtrey for \$70 and \$100, respectively; Nos. 4 and 5 to J. O. Cutchin for \$115 and \$110, respectively; Nos. 10, 11, 12 and 14 were given to J. T. Beaton for the aggregate amount of \$290; Nos. 9, 15, 16 and 1, were not bid on; Nos. 6, 7, 8 and 13 were rejected.

Chuckatuck District—Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 were awarded to J. R. Deik, for a total of \$595; No. 7, John Pruden, \$80; No. 8, C. D. Butler, \$50; No. 9, George T. Atkins, \$75; No. 10, A. J. Powell, \$100; No. 11, T. A. McClenney, \$60; No. 12, Minajah Pierce, \$44.

Of the forty-five sections in the county the work on twenty-seven is contracted to be done during the period of one year for \$3,033. There are eighteen sections yet to be contracted for, which if awarded on a like basis as the others will cost about \$2,000, making a total of something over \$5,000 for keeping in condition the public roads of Nansemond. However, it is believed that the sections unprovided for are more undesirable and will cost a higher rate per mile. The commissioners were authorized to re advertise for bids on all sections which are not now taken and the joint body adjourned till the first Thursday in March. The Supervisors will hold their regular monthly meeting next Thursday.

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